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BEAUTIFICATION OF BUDDHIST SITES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to beautify the world famous 6th century Buddhist monument at Ratnagiri in the Jajpur district of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for sound and light shows at the above mentioned sites;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government undertake a massive tree plantation in and around the Buddhist monument cited above; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): A project − Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa for the Development of facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri and Langudi had been sanctioned to the Government of Orissa for a total amount of Rs.740.66 lakh in the year 2004-05. The components of the project include construction of boundary wall, entrance gateways, plaza, interpretation center, water cascades, cafeteria, craft bazaar, prayer hall cum meditation center, open air auditorium, water supply and sprinkler system and sewerage treatment plant.

(c) and (d): No such proposal regarding sound and light show (SEL) at the Buddhist sites in Orissa has been received from the State Government.

(e) and (f): The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any assistance to undertake tree plantation under the above-mentioned project.